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PRIVATE MEETING (SALT TWO -606)

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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SEMENOV'S STATEMENT ON U.S .  
ASSISTANCE TO THIRD COUNTRIES IN DEVELOPING ROCKETS, MADE AT THE  
JOHNSON-SEMENOV PRIVATE MEETING OF APRIL 10:

SEMENOV STATEMENT ON U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THIRD COUNTRIES  
IN DEVELOPING ROCKETS, MADE AT THE JOHNSON-SEMENOV PRIVATE  
MEETING OF APRIL 10

MR. AMBASSADOR

AT THE MARCH 27, 1975 MEETING THE USSR DELEGATION  
SET FORTH IN DETAIL ITS CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE  
ADVISABILITY OF INCORPORATING IN THE JOINT DRAFT OF THE  
NEW AGREEMENT PROVISIONS ON NON-TRANSFER OF STRATEGIC  
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OFFENSIVE ARMS TO OTHER STATES.

AS YOU KNOW, THE CORRESPONDING PROPOSALS OF THE SOVIET SIDE ARE SET FORTH IN ARTICLE XII OF THE SOVIET DRAFT, WHICH PROVIDES FOR A MUTUAL UNDERTAKING BY THE SIDES NOT TO TRANSFER STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS TO OTHER STATES, AND NOT TO ASSIST IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT, IN PARTICULAR, BY TRANSFERRING COMPONENTS, TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS OR BLUEPRINTS FOR THESE ARMS.

TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS QUESTION FURTHER.

AS YOU KNOW, THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS SINCE 1969. IT WAS CONSTRUCTIVELY RESOLVED DURING THE PREPARATION AND CONCLUSION OF THE TREATY ON THE LIMITATION OF ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS.

AT PRESENT, WHEN IT IS A MATTER OF WORKING OUT A NEW AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, IT BECOMES ESPECIALLY URGENT TO FIND A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF NON-TRANSFER. ASSUMPTION OF A MUTUAL OBLIGATION, EQUAL FOR BOTH SIDES, NOT TO TRANSFER STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS TO OTHER STATES, AND NOT TO ASSIST IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT, IN PARTICULAR, BY TRANSFERRING COMPONENTS, TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS OR BLUEPRINTS FOR THESE ARMS, WOULD BE OF VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND VIABILITY OF THE NEW AGREEMENT. THIS WOULD BE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATIONS OF WORLD PEACE.

TODAY ONE CAN DISCERN THE ACTIVITY OF FORCES ATTEMPTING TO WEAKEN THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. A NUMBER OF STATES HAVE STILL NOT ACCEDED TO THIS IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENT. CALLS ARE HEARD FOR REVISION OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY. THIS CAUSES CONCERN AND DICTATES THE NECESSITY OF MAKING JOINT EFFORTS FURTHER TO STRENGTHEN A STATE OF NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE QUESTIONS WE ARE DISCUSSING AS WELL.

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AN OBLIGATION ON NON-TRANSFER WOULD PRECLUDE THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH WOULD BECOME POSSIBLE IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH AN OBLIGATION, AND WHICH WOULD CONFLICT WITH THE TASKS OF LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, AS WELL AS THE OBJECTIVE OF MAINTAINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

I HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE

U.S. SIDE TO FACTS INDICATING THAT THE U.S. ASSISTS SOME THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROCKETS (THE RUSSIAN TERM "RAKETA" COVERS BOTH ROCKETS AND MISSILES) WHICH COULD BE USED AS STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

BY WAY OF AN EXAMPLE I HAVE TO REFER TO THE EXTENSIVE ASSISTANCE THE U.S. IS RENDERING JAPAN IN ROCKET BUILDING. AFTER ALL, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE BOOSTER ROCKETS FOR SPACECRAFT, BEING DEVELOPED IN JAPAN WITH U.S. ASSISTANCE, WHOSE CAPABILITIES EXCEED THOSE OF THE MINUTEMAN-III MISSILE, WILL NOT BE USED AS STRATEGIC WEAPON DELIVERY VEHICLES. IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS COULD HAVE MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE OVERALL STRATEGIC SITUATION.

IN THE VIEW OF THE SOVIET SIDE SUCH U.S. ACTIONS CANNOT BE REGARDED AS COMPATIBLE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNDERSTANDING ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. JOHNSON

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